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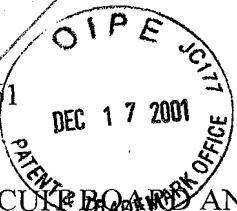
In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

INAGAKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/830,361

Filed: April 25, 2001

Title: PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING PRINTED
CIRCUIT BOARD



Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

December 17, 2001

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly enter the following amendments and
remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

11. (Amended) A method for manufacturing a printed circuit board according to
claim 10, comprising, after the step (b), a step of applying a pressure to the upper surfaces of
the plurality of capacitors in the cavity to align the upper surfaces of the capacitors to the
same heights with each other.

12. (Amended) A method for manufacturing a printed circuit board according to
claim 10, comprising, after the step (c), -a step of forming penetrating openings in the resin
layer to form through holes.

REMARKS

Before the initial examination of this application, please amend it as requested. Claims 11 and 12 are amended without prejudice. No new matter has been added to the application.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any issues remain which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached Appendix is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosure: Appendix